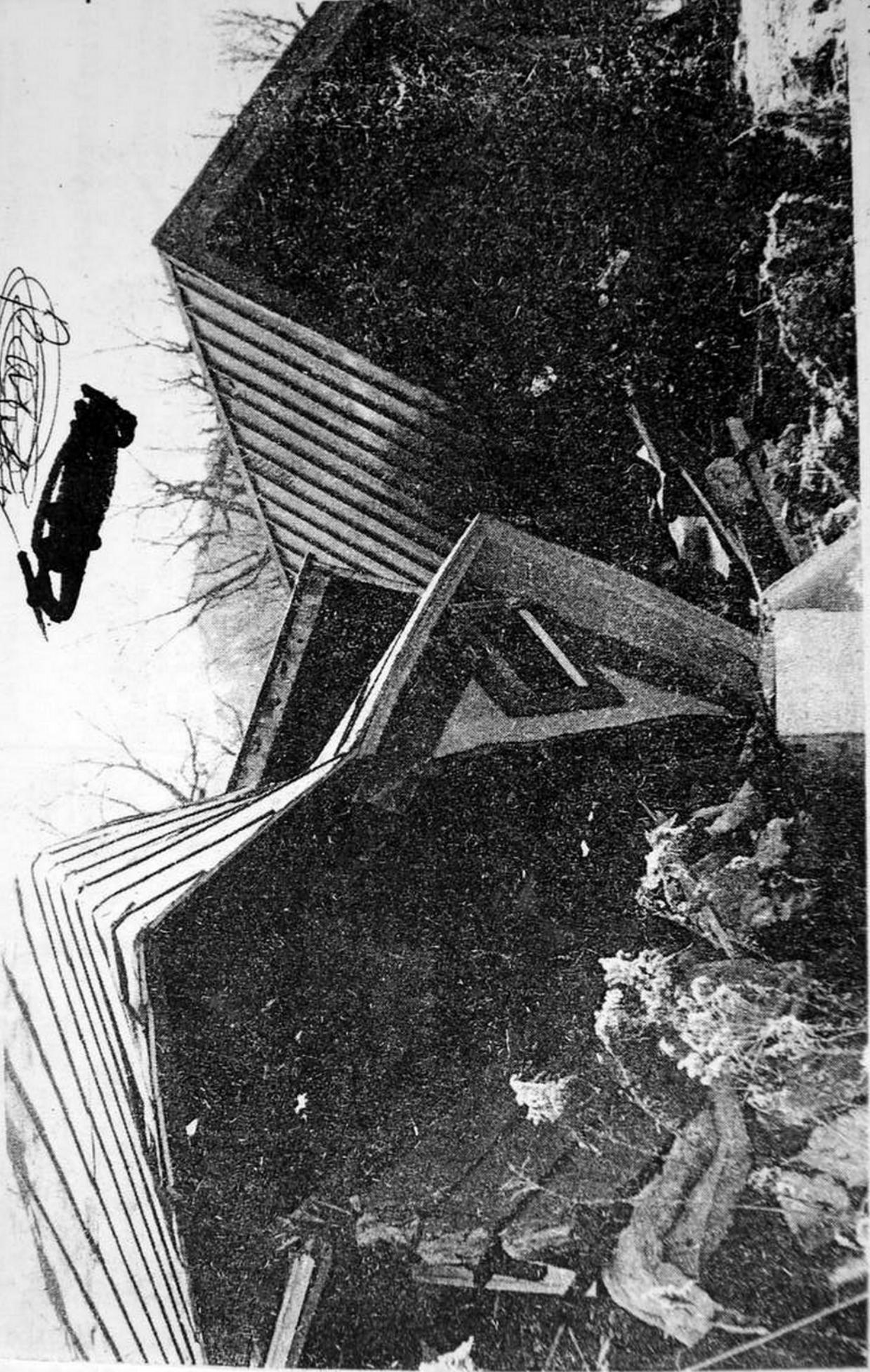


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Staff Writer

MARLINTON — A Marlinton couple with two daughters and a 2-weeks-old baby sought refuge in their attic from cresting floodwaters Monday evening, and were trapped for 12 hours before being rescued.

Steve and Jane Jones along with Marlena, 6, Allison, 2, and Stephanie, 2-weeks, had no where else to turn but a small attic when water rose to the top of bunk beds where the family had gathered. Jane had returned from a hospital with Stephanie just the week before.

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took the kids and got on the bunk beds. We stayed there until the water got to the top rail of the bunk beds. Steve busted a hole in the ceiling and we went up in the attic."

The family's two bedroom home of three years was in the Riverside section of Marlinton along the banks of the Greenbrier River. Their car was also a flood victim. "Steve helped me up first and then handed me the baby in her car seat," Jane said. "He then gave me the other two girls before coming up himself."

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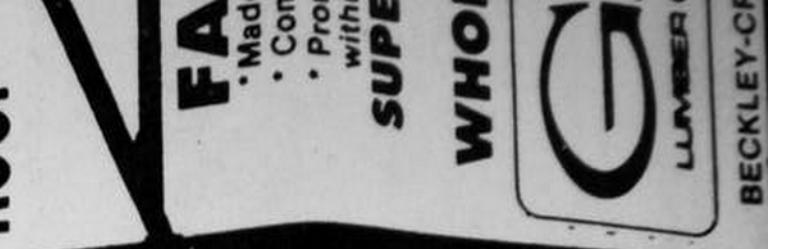
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MARLINTON — Dazed Marlinton residents walked the streets Friday in awe of what had once been a quaint town of 1,200. Authorities continued searching for missing people who may have been swept away by record floodwaters earlier this week. "We have people missing," Pocahontas County Sheriff Jerry Dale said Friday. "There is a problem because most people don't have phone service. Without phones, there's no one to let us know if people are safe or not. I don't want to put a number on missing people because that fuels rumors and unnecessarily gets a lot of people worried."

Four people have drowned in the county. Dale said at 10 p.m. Friday that national guardsmen and sheriff's deputies would search along a section of the Greenbrier River today for anyone caught in the flood.

The cresting Green River destroyed 500 homes and 60 businesses in Marlinton Monday night, Dale said.

"Marlinton will never be the same," said Dale. "It's very devastating, just unreal. Older folks will probably not be back. More than likely they will move in with family. Most people can't afford to rebuild and if they could, they wouldn't rebuild in Marlinton. Residents are in shock, just realizing and trying to come to grips with what happened."

Representatives from Gov. Arch Moore's office made a tour of Marlinton Friday to obtain a damage assessment. "It's bad here," said Steve Farrington of the Federal Emergency Management Association. "We hope to have an application center set up next week for residents. They will be able to apply for grants or low interest loans."

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Bodies of 2 former crab orchard residents recovered after flood

By John Blankenship
Staff Writer

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Homeless get aid from flood relief workers

Associated Press

Relief workers fanned out across the flood-ravaged eastern half of West Virginia Friday, facing a "logistical nightmare" delivering emergency supplies to thousands left homeless by the most extensive flooding in state history.

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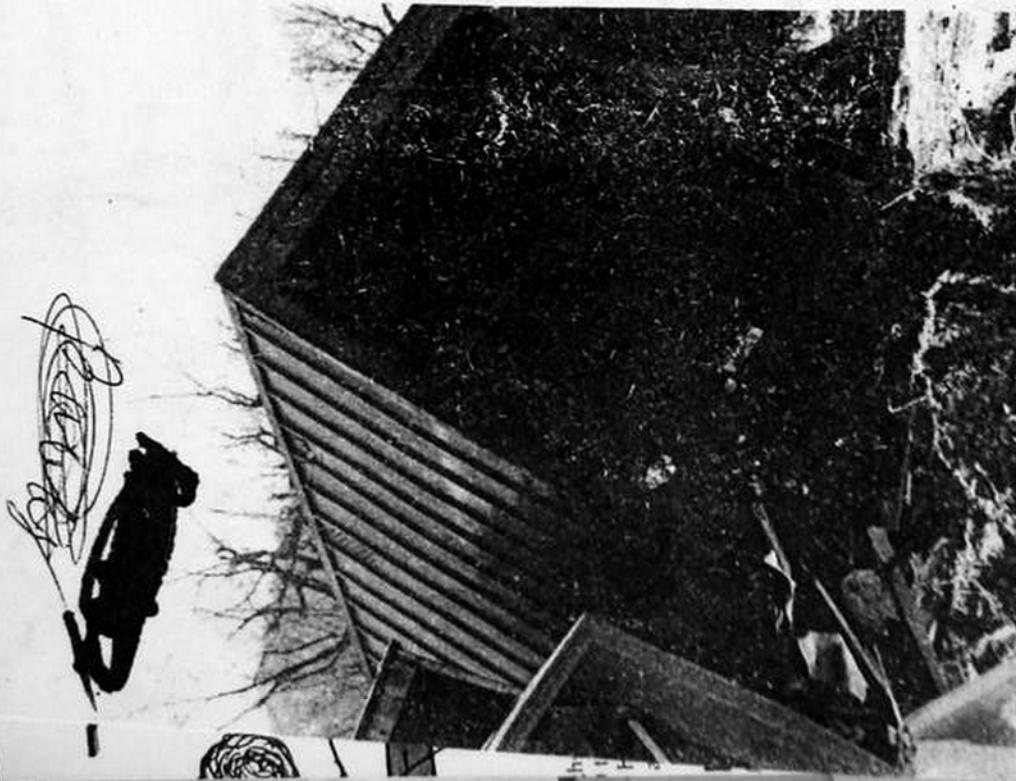
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"That's an obstacle that we really haven't had too much experience in dealing with," said Red Cross spokesman Jim Daw. "It's a logistical nightmare. It's so widespread and the area involved is so rural."

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Raleigh County Jail

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4:15 p.m., James Ray Burgess, 27, returned on fugitive warrant, held without bond, arrested by deputy Mudd.

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Community Society for Fayette

Counties, Raleigh County

Magistrate Wills

Monday in the Magistrate Clerk's Office of Raleigh County.

Magistrate Whitley (Nov. 6 activities)

William Bower, Coal City, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, found guilty, appealed to county court, complaint filed by deputy Hat-

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linton, a bridge which crosses the Greenbrier was washed away by flooding.

"There are 3,500 vacation homes in Pocahontas County," the sheriff said. "A lot of those are along the Greenbrier. I've been there and most places are just gone."

Dale said looters were causing problems throughout the county. "We've made several arrests and will prosecute to the fullest extent," he said.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in Marlinton remained empty Friday as personnel continued cleanup operations. Patients were evacuated Tuesday to Denmar State Hospital and Humana Hospital in Fairlea.

The hospital, however, was serving as a center for people with minor injuries.

Unsalvageable goods lined Main Street as store owners tried to shovel mud as thick as four inches from their businesses.

"The whole town is wiped out," said Steve Vanreenan as he and First National Bank employee Greg Cochran removed ruined property from the bank's ground floor. "We'll be lucky if half of the businesses come back."

A sign at Mitchell Chevrolet alerted passersby that "Dry cars at wholesale with financing." Joe Mitchell, the owner's son, said 24 new and 10 used cars were destroyed by the flood. "There was no advance warning," he said.

Kim Waugh, Kathy Irvine and Diane Sparks crouched on a sidewalk as they tried to salvage 24 years of film containing bank records and transactions.

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